

Lower authority not to reopen case: higher authority can exercise power

18. (1) Where in any case a higher authority has imposed or declined to impose a penalty under rule 11, 12 or 14 a lower authority shall have no jurisdiction to proceed under these rules in respect of the same case.

(2) Where in any case a lower authority has imposed a penalty or exonerated a member of a service, it shall not debar a higher authority from exercising his powers under these rules in respect of the same case. The order of such higher authority shall supercede any order passed by a lower authority in respect of the same case.

